

**ATTACHMENT B**

**ZION NATIONAL PARK**  
**COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION**

**OPERATING PLAN FOR**  
**GUIDED BICYCLE TOURS**

1. **Pass Through Only:** Authorized Use - Continuation of one-way regional (southwestern Utah and northern Arizona) leader accompanied bicycle tours through designated portions of Zion National Park, including Kolob Canyons. Said bicycle tours within Zion National Park are contingent upon conformance with, and subject to, all conditions included herein. No bicycle activities or business limited to and/or focused upon Zion National Park are authorized by this permit.

Group size of bicycle tours is limited to 45 people, including group leaders and support staff. Bicycles are defined as non-motorized human pedaled vehicles.

Authorized Area of Use – Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway (NPS Route 10) through Zion National Park, which connects sections of Utah State Route 9, Zion Canyon Scenic Drive, Kolob Canyons Road, and associated park facilities in Zion National Park.

2. **Roadways Only:** In accordance with 36 CFR 4.30, bicycle use within Zion National Park is prohibited except on established paved roads and parking areas.

Bicyclists may travel on foot up to 100 feet off the roadway, using existing disturbances or staying on hardened surfaces.

**Pa'rus Trail** Riders are encouraged to use the Pa'rus trail to avoid heavy vehicle congestion on the main park road. The Pa'rus Trail is a paved bicycling/hiking trail that originates at the South Campground. This trail, 1.75 miles in length, follows the Virgin River from the South Campground to the Main Canyon Junction. Bicyclists may then continue up the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive towards the Temple of Sinawava.

3. **Closures and Public Use Limits:** The following areas are closed or restricted as indicated below. Additional locations may be closed or restricted by the posting of appropriate signs.

Zion Canyon Scenic Drive will be limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, shuttle buses, private vehicles driven by Lodge guests, and tour bus groups during the shuttle season. Travel in Zion Canyon above the Lodge is restricted to all motor vehicles except the shuttle buses. The permittee's support vehicles are prohibited from traveling up the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive during the shuttle season. Visit [www.nps.gov/zion](http://www.nps.gov/zion) for more information on the park's shuttle system.

Additional closed areas: Behind the administrative offices, in the employee housing areas, behind locked gates, near water tanks, beyond fences, on service roads, or in construction areas.

Parking and stopping along park roads is prohibited except at designated parking areas or pull-offs. All vehicles must be kept on established roadways, and there shall be no interference with pedestrians or other traffic in the park. **Parking and stopping in shuttle bus stops is prohibited during the shuttle season.**

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4. **Speed Limits:** The speed limits for the following areas are established as prescribed below:

Zion-Mount Carmel Highway and Zion Canyon Scenic Drive: 35 miles per hour, as posted by signs.  
The vicinity of the entrance stations, Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Zion Lodge, and approach to Temple of Sinawava: 25 miles per hour, as posted by signs.

Parking and Campground areas: 15 miles per hour, as posted by signs.

**Passing motor vehicles is prohibited throughout the park.**

5. **Accidents/Injuries/Illness:** All accidents involving property damage, injuries, and/or medical problems should be reported to the park immediately at a ranger contact station or by calling (435) 772-3322. All such information must also be relayed by the permittee to the CUA program manager within 24 hours via email to [zion\\_commercialservices@nps.gov](mailto:zion_commercialservices@nps.gov).
6. **Tour Leaders:** An employee of the permittee designated as a tour leader shall ride at the rear of the group to assist with bike adjustments and other touring concerns. That individual shall be certified in CPR and first-aid care. Tour leaders shall brief the participants of each ride on safety concerns relevant to each day's ride on the morning of that riding day. Tour leaders shall be well acquainted with park regulations and support compliance with said regulations.
7. **Support Vehicle:** A support vehicle shall accompany each tour and be accessible to the needs of the bicycle riders. **Support vehicles will be prohibited from traveling up the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive during shuttle operation season.**
8. **First-Aid Supplies:** Adequately sized first-aid kits shall be carried by both the bicycle riding tour leader at the rear of the tour group and in the support vehicle.
9. **Safety Notice:** Permittee shall make available to all participants of tours a general safety notice addressing all aspects of bicycle safety. Information contained in this notice shall include, but not be limited to, bicycle safety and resource protection. Leaders should remind participants that heatstroke is a real danger in the desert. Participants should be advised to drink lots of water, eat snacks, and wear hats and sunscreen to minimize sun exposure. The safety notice shall advise bicyclists that information on the park, including safety information, is available at the visitor center during normal working hours. Additional information that could be included is location of comfort stations and other information deemed necessary and appropriate by the permittee. The National Park Service reserves the right to review safety information. A copy of the notice shall be provided to the superintendent prior to the start of the operating season.

For safety purposes, please be advised that shuttle buses with trailers, private vehicles driven by Lodge guests, and tour bus groups will travel up the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.

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10. **Commercial Interpretive Services:** This authorization does not allow guided hiking, interpretive, or instructional services on park trails. Permittee's may provide interpretive or instructional services on park trails with proper permitting. Leading interpretive talks or walks without proper permitting is a violation of your permit and may result in revocation of permit privileges. Park policy prohibits commercially guided backpacking, climbing, and canyoneering within the park.
11. **Search and Rescue Expenses:** The permittee shall pay the cost for any search and rescue efforts the park conducts on their behalf beyond everyday budgeted park expenses.
12. **Safety Requirements:** The permittee shall make helmets available to each of its riders free of cost. All participants and guides are required to wear helmets while participating in bicycling activities within the park.
- Bicycle tours may operate in daylight hours only (between morning civil twilight and evening civil twilight).
13. **Spacing of Bicycle Riders:** The permittee shall regulate participant riders on its bicycle tours so that the entire group is broken into groups of no more than four riders per group, each group spaced apart by approximately one-half mile. When stopping to converse, take pictures or make repairs, participants will pull completely off the roadway and will not bunch up or block traffic in any other way.
14. **Yielding for Trailing Motor Vehicles:** Should more than three motor vehicles be following a bicycle rider or group of riders, the individual rider or group shall safely pull to the side and allow the motor vehicles to pass.
15. **Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel:** It is required that all bicycle riders with the permittee's tour be shuttled through the Zion-Mt. Carmel tunnel. The permittee shall make its support vehicle available for such shuttles of its participants. The support vehicle may park in the large pullout 100 yards east of the tunnel and in the large pullout approximately a half mile west of the tunnel.
16. **Camping:** If campground camping is required by the permittee while in the park, such camping shall be in the group campsites if available and if group size is nine or more. Only two commercial groups (**not of the same affiliation**) may be in the campground on a given night. Contact the National Park Reservation Service at (877) 444-6777, or by website at <http://www.recreation.gov>, to make group reservations. Should a group campsite be unavailable, permittee's group may camp in an individual site if group size is six or less. If group size is seven or over, permittee's group shall not camp in one individual site but may reserve two or more sites with no more than six people per site.
17. **Entrance Fees:** Each time permittees enter the park, they must identify themselves at a park entrance station or at the Kolob Visitor Center by presenting a copy of their Commercial Use Authorization Permit to park staff. This will enable park personnel to verify that you are on the approved list for commercial activities. The per-person entrance fee is required for participants of Commercial Bicycle Tours. The current per-person entrance fee is \$15.00 (subject to change). Guides are exempt from entrance fees when facilitating a commercial activity. **Individuals or groups who have previously paid an entrance fee must show proof of prior payment.** Individuals who previously entered on a commercial bus shall be required to pay the per person entrance fee. **Permittees may not use personal**

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**annual or lifetime federal recreational land passes to gain entry to the park for themselves or their customers when conducting business. Passengers may use annual or lifetime federal recreational land passes according to the parameters of the pass.** No fee will be collected from an empty vehicle entering the Park for the purpose of picking up passengers. Tunnel escort fees are required for all vehicles over 7' 10" wide and/or 11' 4" high.

- 18. Trip Itineraries:** The permittee shall provide the superintendent with all year trip itineraries and required information prior to the start of the tour season. (See Trip Itinerary, Attachment C.) A brochure with marked or highlighted tour dates is acceptable.
- 19. Monitoring:** The superintendent shall have the right to monitor for compliance with all aspects of this permit. Tour leaders shall carry a valid copy of their Commercial Use Authorization at all times and present it to any park official upon request. **Monitoring costs will be charged for groups exceeding thirty participants.** These costs start when the permittee arrives in the area to perform the permitted use and ends when the permitted use is over and the permittee leaves the area. This includes all costs for personnel and material, as well as all follow-up needed in returning the area to its original condition. Monitoring costs would vary depending on park staff involved. A Park Ranger would cost approximately \$50.00 per hour for a minimum of three hours monitoring.
- 20. Soil Erosion:** The permittee shall take adequate measures, as directed and approved by the superintendent, to restrict and prevent soil erosion on the lands covered hereby and shall so utilize such lands as not to contribute to erosion on adjoining lands.
- 21. Driver & Guide Responsibilities:** It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that all employees are informed of, understand, and abide by the conditions of the permit. Any permit condition violations can result in punitive action (fine, revocation of permit and or arrest) against both the representative (guide), and the permittee. The individual designated as the leader shall be certified in CPR and First Aid.
- 22. Resource Protection Message:**
- Collecting or removing from the park any natural or cultural resource, or damaging or defacing any natural or cultural resource is prohibited.
  - All food scraps (fruit peels, nut shells, etc.) are considered trash and must be disposed of properly. It is a violation to feed the wildlife, including squirrels.
  - Take only pictures - leave no evidence of your visit.
  - Vehicles must not idle their engines when parked. Vehicles that sit with engines idling create unacceptable amounts of noise and air pollution within Zion National Park.
- 23. Photographs:**  
Photographs taken by the permittee for advertising or sales purposes may not involve activities that interfere with other visitors and may not depict activities that are illegal, unsafe, or result in damage to natural or cultural resources.

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